

PITHY PARAGRAPHS.

Incidents and Ideas of the Lightweight Class Intermingled.

Good day.

An epidemic of fires.

Why may be brevity, but brevity is not always with it.

It cost John Bohn \$8.40 to swear at George Hite.

An increasing tide of money is turning Expositionward.

CABLE cars are actually stopping for passengers nowadays.

ST. AUGUSTINE school children gave a pretty musical entertainment.

THE cheerful mortality report says there were 94 deaths last week.

LAST night the County Democracy appointed a committee to secure a larger hall.

MISS JESSIE HARDING, aged 14, is wanted by her anxious papa. She has been missing for a week.

Two hundred couples made merry the masquerade ball of the Birmingham Turners last night.

A FITCH of metal fell upon James Wilkinson at the Republic Iron Works, yesterday, crushing his foot.

A FLYING bullet encountered a brindle pup and on account of the wagon there will be no more wagons.

HON. A. W. SMILEY, of Harrisburg, is in town. This is significant. Hon. Chas. Robinson is here also.

JAMES GILLING was unfortunate enough to have a foot crushed yesterday in a Thirty-third street mill.

THE hatrack of John Cochran's home, 85 Chestnut street, was relieved of an overcoat and a timepiece by thieves.

A TIME to beware of the idea of March has passed, and ordinary mortals will do well to beware of the winds of March.

THOMAS H. WATT, one of the most popular ticket sellers at the Union station, has been appointed station agent at Johnston, Pa.

SARAH SCHAEFER was selected from among nine candidates, last night, to be a teacher in the Bedford school, Twenty-ninth ward.

NO, Maudie. Don't ask a question that will lead to a fight. Knock him down with a club and drag him in.

THE mesmerized girl will have a hearing Saturday charged with surety of the peace, when all probability, she will be the married girl.

ON one day 107, and on another 67 Belgians and Swedes announced their intention to become citizens. No wonder the eagle screams occasionally.

J. B. CORBY, of Bradford, proposes to make a warm for some people that he has been having the court supervise the returns. Corby proposes, etc.

FIFTEEN more lots have been sold on the site of the old Allegheny City Poor Farm, and the sale was approved yesterday by the Poor Farm Committee.

COMBERFORD will have a hearing to-night charged with stealing calves. He has been gone the whole week. As well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb.

CORNER DROVER decrees that hereafter lock-up prisoners must not be released on bail entered before Aldermen. Such bail must be entered before a police magistrate.

MR. FRANKLIN, acquitted of tearing down a neighbor's pigpen, not only vindicated his name, but received the court's endorsement of himself as an individual Bona Fide.

A GRACEFUL encounter, a little between two bill duels. One fainted, and the other fainted. Cholly had struck Harry in a vital part, and broken his package of cigars.

THE newsmen won't have to twist it into "Fuller coat of the lacerations" any longer. It's a chestnut now, and will be in words of two syllables.

THREE carloads of colonists passed through the city last night, when they resumed their homes. They came from the vicinity of the Cumberland Valley and were bound for points in the Northwest.

THE following telegram received by a gentleman of one of the prominent political clubs rounds more significant than intended: "Received by the President at 3 o'clock; arrive home at 5 to-morrow."

IT is announced that the Harrison and Morton Cowboys Insurrection Club will this morning stop over in Pittsburgh, and that the city of terror in Washington, Allasso! has it come to this, politically speaking?

AT last night's session of the British-American Association in Lawrenceville the membership was increased to 200. The duty of members in taking out of circulation papers was the theme of the speeches.

WILLIAM FRASER signed the pledge and, his wife alleged, immediately loaded up and smashed in the door of the city hall, and the children out of the house. He will be requested to explain on Tuesday.

"CANNON'S tickler on high," they will probably cry, for he has been rescued from Carnegie Library clock tower in Allegheny, and, as plans for the clock have been approved, Alleghenians will soon have a handsome public timepiece.

THE number 18 was fatal to that many East End boys yesterday. They were arrested for stealing 7 boxes of cigars from Richard Ray and lodged in the Nineteenth ward station. They are probably as sick as if they had smoked the cigars.

SCENE: A Pleasant Valley street car last evening. First passenger—"Going to the Junta Club to hear that lecture and learn about Canada this evening." Second passenger, with a non-impaired shudder—"Now, I don't have to take that car."

THE police arrested James Brown, John Wallace and John Smith last night while intoxicated. They went into the rooms formerly occupied by the Allegheny City Poor Farm, near West Diamond street. They commenced to break the windows and tear up things generally.

THE Holiday Literary Society of colored people celebrated its formation by a lively debate on "Does Columbus deserve more credit for discovering America than Christopher Columbus for defending it?" At last account Columbus was a lay ahead with George a warm second, pushed by his numerous namesakes.

ALLEGHENY'S TAX.

It is fixed at 7 Mills for the Current Year.

Receipts of the Allegheny Mayor's office having been lower last year than usual, and a larger appropriation being asked this year for that department, Councilman Cochran started the Finance Committee last night by asking why the receipts were lower than the previous one, and it was because there was less drunkenness and disorder, he thought they could afford to do away with the cost of the policemen. The question was also asked to what authority the Mayor had for permitting fines.

CITY Solicitor Elphinstone said that the remittance of fines was an authority asserted by all mayors on their own responsibility. The legality of the action was questioned by one of the best lawyers.

MR. Drum then moved that the appropriation for the mayor's office be reduced just what the falling off in the receipts amounted to, which was about \$5,000.

MR. Need wanted to know if the falling off in the Mayor's office receipts did not show a better condition of morals in the city and evidence that the police protection was better. Mr. Drum said that he did not think that the morals were any better, and said that according to newspaper reports the city was filling up with gambling houses and houses of prostitution, and at any rate he did not think that was a particle better, but that a few years ago when the department was run on \$20,000 less money.

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ONE CASE WAS INSTANTANEOUS.

Growth of Divine Healing Doctrines Among the Cultured Classes.

SOME OF THE SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS.

"It was an instantaneous cure," said Mrs. J. M. Todd, of No. 16 Boyle street, Allegheny, to a reporter of THE DISPATCH, yesterday afternoon. The lady was speaking of her own experience as a subject of Divine healing. It was with some reluctance that she related the story for publication. Only after the writer assured her that he had other testimonies of recent remarkable cures which would be incomplete without her own, did she consent to talk, and then it was with the feeling that a knowledge of what God had done for her might benefit mankind. Mrs. Todd belongs to the best circles of society on the Northside and has good family connections.

"The efficacy of my cure, and many others, cannot be denied," she continued, "and therefore we have no reason for concealing them or being ashamed of the publicity. One difficult thing about describing my cure is that a correct diagnosis of the disease cannot be given. The physicians were unable to give it a name. There evidently never had been such an affliction before. My illness culminated in a complication that broke me down all over, making me so weak that I seemed to have lost all pleasure in life. I had been suffering for months, and my real sickness lasted about three months. Medicine did me no good whatever. Finally disgusted, I

GAVE THEM ALL UP.

"Those who knew me were afraid I would live no longer than spring at the utmost. I had been acquainted slightly with some of the ladies connected with the Bethany Home, on Center avenue, and had attended some of their meetings. I accepted the beliefs taught there, and tried hard to live a holy life, which realized was necessary before I could hope for relief physically. I did feel some better during that period, but I could not say that I believed I was approaching a cure. Having discarded all medicines I lived entirely on my trust in God. I grew in faith, until, I remember, on the night of December 10 last, I experienced the most restful and peaceful relief from all my ills. At that moment I was instantly cured. I knew it, and since then I have had the very best of health. My old complaint has never troubled me since then. No, I was not expecting a cure at that particular moment. But a few moments later I ascertained that Mrs. Sweeney, a milliner, who knew me about my case, was on her knees praying for my relief at 12:15 on the night of December 10. It appears that she had been kept up until that hour, and took that opportunity to remember me to God in private prayer. And I know beyond all doubt that He heard her petition, and that instantly, too.

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FAITH AND WORKS TOGETHER.

So devout is she in her thanks for her recovery from disease that she now devotes all her time to the work. She is a visitor in the interest of the Bethany Home, calling on the sick and poor in every part of the two cities. In early girlhood her eyes failed, and until well into middle age she suffered terribly from that. She also had organic heart trouble, and the best physicians here and in New York failed to do anything for her or to give her any hope. Her life soon became a dreary blank. She frequently gives her friends a graphic account of the condition of a person without hope either in this or the other world. Other diseases following, she fell into a stupor, from which she could scarcely stir herself.

About a year and a half ago she was miraculously cured by following the teachings she heard at the Center avenue institution. Of her visits to that place she says: "I heard seemingly by accident of Bethany Home and the circumstances connected with it. I thought what a curious, fanatical people this must be, and because I longed for anything that might in any way interest me, anything that might give me a little life out of myself, I went one day to this place, with very much the same curiosity that might attract one to a spiritualistic seance. It was a quiet little meeting. A few persons had simply gathered there for the study of the Bible.

On one particular day, Mrs. Hall relates, she had to do herself with medicine in order to be able to walk to the Home. She was wretchedly ill. On that day she was cured while in the meeting.

HER HEALING WAS GRADUAL, but thorough, and now she is one of the healthiest women apparently who walks the streets of Pittsburgh. She, by her own request, was anointed finally by Miss Mary Moorhead, the founder of the Home, and Superintendent thereof.

MISS ELLA E. BIRD, a cultured lady living in Lawrenceville, well known as a vocalist and school teacher, had suffered for many years from heart derangement and catarrh. She has told her friends that she finally came to her present state of health through the use of medicine because of the necessity of constantly appearing in society and keeping up her mental powers. For a long time she used the ordinary remedies for her afflictions, and in them was the only hope the medical profession could give her. But about a year ago all medicines lost their power with her, and her condition became desperate. She was compelled to give up all of her voice for singing. In this spirit of hopelessness she began visiting the Bethany Home. Relating her own experience she shows that a few years ago when the department was run on \$20,000 less money.

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THOUGHT IT FUNNY.

The Arrest of Captain and Mark Wishart Considered a Joke.

LAW AND ORDER IN THE PATROL.

Some Lively Hurling Scenes to Secure the Necessary Bail.

CAPTAIN HINTS OF TROUBLES TO COME.

A beautiful joke was perpetrated yesterday, on everybody concerned, and it has set the whole city laughing. Captain Wishart and his Mark were arrested for disorderly conduct. How funny—yet, an anomaly, a comical, an apocryphal situation! Justice in shackles, public peace in the patrol wagon, the head and front of the Law and Order Society in cell No. 4, Central station! The comedy was perfectly worked up, and the finale came off according to schedule, and all will be forgiven if the people only stop laughing.

It seems that John Martin had claimed, as per yesterday morning's paper, that Mark Wishart had thumped him over the eye, and as this was utterly inconsistent with John's ideas of the right and proper, he thumped back.

This closed the first act, and joke number two opened up on Great street, a little after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A solitary policeman was holding on to his dignity and a bit of awful import at the same time. Captain Wishart, gray hair, glasses, silk hat, umbrella and all, descended the Court House steps, accompanied by his son Mark, the latter clinging to a soft felt hat, a cigarette, and a look of defiance at the assembled crowd.

THE COUPLE had nearly reached Diamond street when the solitary policeman hastened after them and tapped the Captain on the shoulder, when the following cheerful conversation ensued, according to the statement of the arresting officer, Ketter:

"How do you, Captain?"

"Why, how are you?"

Both parties must evidently have been very well, for the conversation continued:

"Where have you been?"

"I wish I find Mark Wishart, and 'I am Mark Wishart.'"

"Well (pleasantly), I have a warrant for the arrest of you."

"A warrant? Let me see it," said the Captain, who examined it as if it was a rapa avis. "Ah! Um! Wishart—Son Mark—by John Martin—sincerely conveys his regards to you. Well, all right, sir; I will only require a forfeit; here it is," opening pocketbook.

"I can't accept any money from you."

"Well, I will go with you."

"Come along" (moving toward an ominous green box at the corner of Wylie and Fifth avenues).

"Where is the box?"

"I guess we'll take a ride."

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